- 1 1. A PDP comprising:
- 2 a first plate which is provided with a first electrode
- 3 on a main surface, the first electrode being made of
- 4 silver, and the first electrode being coated with a first
- 5 dielectric layet;
- 6 a second plate which is provided with a second
- 7 electrode on a main surface, wherein the first plate and
- 8 the second plate are placed in parallel so that the main
- 9 surfaces of the first plate and the second plate face each
- 10 other with a certain distance therebetween; and
- ll spacing means which is provided between the first
- 12 plate and the second plate so that a discharge space is
- 13 formed between the first plate and the second plate,
- 14 wherein
- a first metallic oxide layer on whose surface OH
- 16 groups exist is formed between the first electrode and the
- 17 first dielectric layer, the first metallic oxide layer
- 18 being 10μm or less in thickness.
  - 1 2. The PDP defined in Claim 1, wherein
  - the first metallic oxide layer is formed with a CVD

- 3 method.
- 1 3. The PDP defined in Claim 1, wherein
- 2 a thickness of the first dielectric layer is in a
- 3 range of  $5\mu m$  to  $14\mu m$ .
- 1 4. The PDP defined in Claim 1, wherein
- 2 the first metallic oxide layer is made of at least one
- 3 of zinc oxide (ZnO), zirconium oxide (ZrO $_2$ ), magnesium
- 4 oxide (MgO), titanium oxide (TiO $_2$ ), silicon oxide (SiO $_2$ ),
- 5 aluminum oxide  $(Al_2O_3)$ , and chromium oxide  $(Cr_2O_3)$ .
- 1 5. The PDP defined in Claim 4, wherein
- 2 the first dielectric layer is made of one of a lead
- 3 oxide glass whose dielectric constant is 10 or more and a
- 4 bismuth oxide glass whose dielectric constant is 10 or
- 5 more, wherein
- 6 the lead oxide glass includes lead oxide (PbO), boron
- 7 oxide  $(B_2O_3)$ , silicon oxide  $(SiO_2)$ , and aluminum oxide
- 8 ( $Al_2O_3$ ), and the bismuth oxide glass includes bismuth
- 9 oxide  $(Bi_2O_3)$ , zinc oxide (ZnO), boron oxide  $(B_2O_3)$ ,
- 10 silicon oxide  $(SiO_2)$ , and calcium oxide (CaO).

- 1 6. The PDP defined in Claim 5, wherein
- 2 either of the lead oxide glass and the bismuth oxide
- 3 glass used to form the first dielectric layer includes
- 4 titanium oxide ( ${
  m TiO_2}$ ) in a range of 5% to 10% by weight
- 5 and has a dielectric constant of 13 or more.
- 1 7. A PDP comprising:
- 2 a first plate which is provided with a first electrode
- 3 on a main surface, the first electrode being made of a
- 4 metal, and the first electrode being coated with a first
- 5 dielectric layer;
- 6 a second plate which is provided with a second
- 7 electrode on a main surface, wherein the first plate and
- 8 the second plate are placed in parallel so that the main
- 9 surfaces of the first plate and the second plate face each
- other with a certain distance therebetween; and
- spacing mean's which is provided between the first
- 12 plate and the second plate so that a discharge space is
- 13 formed between the first plate and the second plate,
- 14 wherein
- a surface of the first electrode undergoes oxidation
- 16 to be a metallic oxide.

- 1 8. The PDP defined in Claim 7, wherein
- 2 the metal used to make the first electrode is either
- 3 of tantalum and aluminium.
- 1 9. A PDP comprising:
- 2 a first plate which is provided with a first electrode
- 3 on a main surface, the first electrode being coated with
- 4 a first dielectric layer;
- 5 a second plate which is provided with a second
- 6 electrode on a main surface, wherein the first plate and
- 7 the second plate are placed in parallel so that the main
- 8 surfaces of the first plate and the second plate face each
- 9 other with a certain distance therebetween; and
- 10 spacing means which is provided between the first
- 11 plate and the second plate so that a discharge space is
- 12 formed between the first plate and the second plate,
- 13 wherein
- the first electrode includes a transparent electrode
- 15 part and a metallic electrode part, the transparent
- 16 electrode part being placed on the main surface of the
- 17 first plate and the metallic electrode part being placed
- on the transparent electrode part, and
- a surface of the metallic electrode part undergoes

- 20 oxidation to be a metallic oxide.
  - 1 10. A PDP comprising:
  - 2 a first plate which is provided with a first electrode
  - 3 on a main surface, the first electrode being coated with
  - 4 a first dielectric layer;
  - 5 a second plate which is provided with a second
  - 6 electrode on a main surface, wherein the first plate and
  - 7 the second plate are placed in parallel so that the main
  - 8 surfaces of the first plate and the second plate face each
  - 9 other with a certain distance therebetween; and
- 10 spacing means which is provided between the first
- 11 plate and the second plate so that a discharge space is
- 12 formed between the first plate and the second plate,
- 13 wherein
- the first dielectric layer is a layer made of a
- metallic oxide with a vacuum process method.
  - 1 11. The PDP defined in Claim 10, wherein
  - 2 the metallic oxide is one of zirconium oxide, titanium
  - 3 oxide, zinc oxide, bismuth oxide, cesium oxide, antimony
  - 4 oxide, aluminium oxide, silicon dioxide, and magnesium
  - 5 oxide.

- 1 12. The PDP defined in Claim 10, wherein
- 2 the first dielectric layer is formed with a CVD method
- 3 and is  $3\mu m 6\mu m$  in thickness.
- 1 13. The PDP defined in Claim 10, wherein
- 2 the first dielectric layer is coated with a magnesium
- 3 oxide protecting layer.
- 1 14. The PDP defined in Claim 10, wherein
- 2 the first plate is made of borosilicate glass
- 3 including 6.5% or less by weight of alkali.
- 1 15. The PDP defined in Claim 14, wherein
- 2 a thickness of the first plate is in a range of 0.1mm
- 3 to 1.5mm.
- 1 16. The PDP defined in Claim 14, wherein
- 2 the borosilicate glass has a distortion point of  $535^{\circ}$ C
- 3 or more and a thermal expansion coefficient of  $51X10^{-7}$ /°C
- 4 or less.
- 1 17. A PDP comprising:

- a first plate which is provided with a first electrode 2 on a main surface, the first electrode being coated with 3
- second plate which is provided with a 5 electrode on a main surface, wherein the first plate and the second plate are placed in parallel so that the main 7 surfaces of the first plate and the second plate face each 8 other with a certain distance therebetween; and 9
- spacing means which is provided between the first 10 plate and the second plate so that a discharge space is 11 formed between the first plate and the second plate, 12
- wherein 13 the first dielectric layer is formed with a plasma 14
- spraying method. 15

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a first dielectric layer;

- 18. The PDP defined in Claim 17, wherein 1
- the first dielectric layer is made of one of a glass containing lead oxide (PbO), boron oxide  $(B_2O_3)$ , silicon dioxide ( $SiO_2$ ), and aluminium oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ), and a glass containing phosphorus oxide  $(P_2O_5)$ , zinc oxide (ZnO), aluminium oxide ( $\mathrm{Al_2}\dot{Q}_3$ ), and calcium oxide (CaO), wherein 6
- a thermal expansion coefficient of each of the glasses 7
- is in a range of  $45 \times 10^{-7}$ /°C to  $50 \times 10^{-7}$ /°C. 8

- 1 19. The PDP defined in Claim 18, wherein
- 2 the first plate and the second plate are respectively
- 3 made of borosilicate glass including 6.5% or less by
- 4 weight of alkali.
- 1 20. A PDP comprising:
- 2 a first plate which is provided with a plurality of
- 3 first electrodes on a main surface, the plurality of first
- 4 electrodes being coated with a first dielectric layer;
- 5 a second plate which is provided with a plurality of
- 6 second electrodes on a main surface, wherein the first
- 7 plate and the second plate are placed in parallel so that
- 8 the plurality of first electrodes and the plurality of
- 9 second electrodes face each other with a certain distance
- 10 between the first plate and the second plate; and
- a plurality, of partition walls which protrude from the
- 12 main surface of either of the first plate and the second
- plate to partition a space between the first plate and the
- 14 second plate so that a plurality of discharge spaces are
- 15 formed, wherein
- the plurality of partition walls are formed with a
- 17 plasma spraying method.

- 1 21. The PDP defined in Claim 20, wherein
- 2 each of the plurality of partition walls is made of at
- 3 least one of aluminium oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ) and mullite
- 4 (3A1,0, · 2SiO,).
- 1 22. The PDP defined in Claim 21, wherein
- 2 the fist plate and the second plate are respectively
- 3 made of borosilicate glass including 6.5% or less by
- 4 weight of alkali.
- 1 23. The PDP defined in Claim 21, wherein
- 2 the plurality of partition walls, which protrude from
- 3 the main surface of the first plate, and the second
- 4 electrode are coated with a second dielectric layer.
- 1 24. A PDP comprising:
- 2 a first plate which is provided with a first electrode
- 3 on a main surface, the first electrode being coated with
- 4 a first dielectric layer;
- 5 a second plate which is provided with a second
- 6 electrode on a main surface, wherein the first plate and
- 7 the second plate are placed in parallel so that the main

- 8 surfaces of the first plate and the second plate face each
- 9 other with a certain distance therebetween; and
- spacing means which is provided between the first
- 11 plate and the second plate so that a discharge space is
- 12 formed between the first plate and the second plate,
- 13 wherein
- the first dielectric layer comprises a lower part and
- an upper part, the lower part, made of a metallic oxide,
- being formed on the first electrode with a vacuum process
- method and the upper part formed by applying and baking a
- 18 dielectric glass on the lower part.
  - 1 25. The PDP defined in Claim 1, wherein
  - 2 a second dielectric layer is provided on the second
  - 3 electrode on the second plate, and
  - a second metallic oxide layer on whose surface OH
  - 5 groups exist is formed between the second electrode and
  - 6 the second dielectric layer, the second metallic oxide
  - 7 layer being  $10\mu m$  or less in thickness.
  - 1 26. The PDP defined in Claim 25, wherein
  - 2 the second metallic oxide layer is formed with a CVD
  - 3 method.

- 1 27. The PDP defined in Claim 26, wherein
- a thickness of the second dielectric glass layer is in
- 3 a range of  $5\mu m$  to  $14\mu m$ .
- 1 28. The PDP defined in Claim 25, wherein
- 2 the second metallic oxide layer is made of at least
- one of zinc oxide (ZnO), zirconium oxide ( $ZrO_2$ ), magnesium
- 4 oxide (MgO), titanium oxide ( $TiO_2$ ), silicon oxide ( $SiO_2$ ),
- aluminum oxide  $(Al_2O_3)$ , and chromium oxide  $(Cr_2O_3)$ .
- 1 29. The PDP defined in Claim 7, wherein
- 2 a second dielectric layer is provided on the second
- 3 electrode and the second electrode is made of a metal,
- 4 wherein
- 5 a surface of the second electrode undergoes oxidation
- 6 to be a metallic oxide.
- 1 30. A method for producing a PDP comprising:
- 2 a first step of attaching a first electrode made of
- 3 silver onto a main surface, of a first plate and forming
- with a CVD method a layer made of a metallic oxide on a
- 5 surface of the first electrode, wherein, on exposure to

- 6 air, OH groups are generated on a surface of the layer
- 7 made of the metallic oxide;
- 8 a second step of coating the layer made of the
- 9 metallic oxide with a dielectric layer while OH groups
- 10 exist on the surface of the layer made of the metallic
- 11 oxide;
- a third step of preparing a second plate; and
- a fourth step of placing the first plate and the
- second plate in parallel to face each other, with spacing
- means being placed between the first plate and the second
- 16 plate, so that a discharge space is formed between the
- first plate and the second plate.
  - 1 31. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 30,
  - 2 wherein
  - 3 in the first step, either of a metal chelate and a
  - 4 metal alkoxide compound is used as a source material for
  - 5 the CVD method.
  - 1 32. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 30,
  - 2 wherein
  - 3 in the first step, a compound used as a source
  - 4 material for the CVD method is at least one of zinc.

- 5 zirconium, magnesium, titanium, silicon, aluminium, and
- 6 chromium.
- 1 33. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 30,
- 2 wherein
- 3 in the second step, the dielectric layer is made of
- 4 one of a lead oxide glass whose dielectric constant is 10
- 5 or more and a bismuth oxide glass whose dielectric
- 6 constant is 10 or more, wherein
- 7 the lead oxide glass includes lead oxide (PbO), boron
- 8 oxide  $(B_2O_3)$ , silicon oxide  $(SiO_2)$ , and aluminum oxide
- 9 ( $Al_2O_3$ ), and the bismuth oxide glass includes bismuth
- 10 oxide  $(Bi_2O_3)$ , zinc /oxide (ZnO), boron oxide  $(B_2O_3)$ ,
- 11 silicon oxide  $(SiO_2)$ , and calcium oxide (CaO).
  - 1 34. A method for producing a PDP comprising:
  - 2 a first step of attaching a first electrode made of a
  - 3 metal onto a main surface of a first plate and forming
  - 4 with oxidation a layer made of a metallic oxide on a
  - 5 surface of the first electrode;
  - 6 a second step of coating the layer made of the
  - 7 metallic oxide with a dielectric layer;
  - 8 a third step of preparing a second plate; and

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- 1 37. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 36,
- 2 wherein
- 3 the dielectric layer formed in the first step is a
- 4 compound including at least one of zirconium, titanium,
- 5 zinc, bismuth, cesium, silicon, aluminium, antimony, and
- 6 magnesium.
- 1 38. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 36,
- 2 wherein
- 3 between the first step and the second step, there is
- 4 a step for forming a magnesium oxide protecting layer for
- 5 protecting the dielectric layer with a vacuum process
- 6 method immediately after the dielectric layer is formed in
- 7 the first step.
- 1 39. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 36,
- 2 wherein
- 3 the vacuum process method used in the first step is a
- 4 CVD method.
- 1 40. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 39,
- 2 wherein
- a compound is used as a source material for the CVD

- 4 method in the first step, the compound including at least
- 5 one of zirconium, titanium, zinc, bismuth, cesium,
- 6 silicon, aluminium, antimony, and magnesium.
- 1 41. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 36,
- 2 wherein
- 3 the first plate used in the first step is made of
- 4 borosilicate glass including 6.5% or less by weight of
- 5 alkali.
- 1 42. A method for producing a PDP comprising:
- 2 a first step of attaching a first electrode onto a
- 3 main surface of a first plate and forming a dielectric
- 4 layer on a surface of the first electrode with a plasma
- 5 spraying method;
- 6 a second step of preparing a second plate; and
- a third step of placing the first plate and the second
- 8 plate in parallel to face each other, with spacing means
- 9 being placed between the first plate and the second plate,
- 10 so that a discharge space is formed between the first
- 11 plate and the second plate.
  - 1 43. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 42,

- 2 wherein
- 3 a material for the plasma spraying method in the first
- 4 step is one of a glass containing lead oxide (PbO), boron
- oxide  $(B_2O_3)$ , silicon dioxide  $(SiO_2)$ , and aluminium oxide
- 6 ( $Al_2O_3$ ), and a glass containing phosphorus oxide ( $P_2O_5$ ),
- 7 zinc oxide (ZnO), aluminium oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ), and calcium
- 8 oxide (CaO), wherein
- a thermal expansion coefficient of each of the glasses
- 10 is in a range of  $45X10^{-7}$ /°C to  $50X10^{-7}$ /°C.
  - 1 44. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 42.
  - 2 wherein,
  - 3 the first plate used in the first step is made of
  - 4 borosilicate glass including 6.5% or less by weight of
  - 5 alkali.
  - 1 45. A method for producing a PDP comprising:
  - 2 a first step of attaching a first electrode onto a
  - 3 main surface of a first plate, and forming with a plasma
  - 4 spraying method a plurality of partition walls on the main
  - 5 surface of the first plate, wherein at least a part of the
  - 6 first electrode is exposed;
  - 7 a second step of preparing a second plate; and

- 8 a third step of placing the first plate and the second
- 9 plate in parallel to face each other, with the plurality
- of partition walls being placed between the first plate
- 11 and the second plate so that a discharge space is formed
- 12 between the first plate and the second plate.
  - 1 46. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 45,
  - 2 wherein
  - 3 a source material for the plasma spraying method in
  - 4 the first step is at least one of aluminium oxide  $(Al_2O_3)$
  - 5 and mullite  $(3Al_2O_3 \cdot 2SiO_2)$ .
  - 1 47. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 45,
  - 2 wherein
  - 3 between the first step and the second step, a
  - 4 dielectric layer is formed to coat the main surface of the
  - 5 first plate on which the first electrode and the plurality
  - 6 of partition walls exist.
  - 1 48. The method for producing a PDP defined in Claim 45,
  - 2 wherein
  - 3 the first plate used in the first step is made of
  - 4 borosilicate glass including 6.5% or less by weight of

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